



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: November 19, 2010

To: Don Samuels—Chair, Public Safety and Health Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means, Full Council

Subject: Request to approve payment of \$15,000 to Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) in support of Community Justice Program

Recommendation: Authorize the Minneapolis Police Department to pay \$15,000 to GMCC in support of the Community Justice Program for 2010.

Previous Directives: MPD has had a five-year relationship with the GMCC and its Community Justice Program. As there is no current contractual relationship MPD and Finance determined to use the RCA process to inform Council.

Department Information

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval _____ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval _____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval _____ Date _____

Financial Impact (delete all lines not applicable to your request)

- Action is within MPD Operating Budget
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

- City Goals – A safe place to call home

Supporting Information

The Community Justice Program of the GMCC seeks to increase public safety by changing offender behavior through the use of adult mentors and has been remarkably successful in reducing the rate of recidivism from these offenders (less than 15%, compared to an average of approximately 50% for all offenders). MPD's partnership with CJP and GMCC involves the sharing of information about both observable trends from the interviewing of offenders and mentors as well as the notification of the release of serious and previously violent gang members back into the community. In prior years the partnership has been documented through a variety of contractual arrangements but as the arrangement evolved in 2010 no contract is appropriate as the program is staffed entirely by GMCC.